

# POLES FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

## CHINA FACES CIVIL WAR; PRESIDENT IS POISONED AND GEN. HUO IS DICTATOR

Southern Provinces Are Arming to Resist Preparations of North China to Control the Government; Military Dictatorship Is Exercising Coercion Upon the President to Pardon Monarchists.

PEKING, China, June 19.—The southern provinces are rapidly making warlike preparations and are negotiating with the south-west provinces to join them. They have been assured of support from this quarter and civil war is not improbable.

President Li Yuan Hung is virtually a prisoner. Gen. Chang-Hsun, who has assumed the power of dictator, has forced the secretarial staff to resign. Former members of parliament and friends of the president are not permitted to enter the palace.

Gen. Huo is attempting to force the dissolution of parliament and the restoration of the former premier who went out of office when parliament voted down the cabinet's decision to enforce China in the war on the side of the entente allies.

## ARMED TANKER ARCHBOLD SUNK; FOUR OR FIVE OF CREW PERISH

Gunnery's Crew Is on Board the Archbold and All Are Saved; Washington Hears That of Ship's Crew, Three Are Killed and Two Drown; Tanker Is Sunk Two Days Out of European Port.

NEW YORK, June 19.—The oil tanker Archbold, of the Standard Oil company, has been sunk by a submarine. The announcement was made at the offices of the company here today.

The ship was sunk two days out on route to this country from France. The ship was armed and a gunnery crew from an American warship was on board. The names of the missing crew members are Jose Lorenzo, an officer; Gregorio Sosa, a fireman; and Domingo Lora, a welder, and two more drowned.

## CONCRETE ROAD TO CROSS U. S.

National Military Highway Association Plans Told, Canada to El Paso.

Denver, Colo., June 19.—Ninety three highway experts of New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado returned to their homes today after organizing yesterday at a meeting in the state capital the Rocky Mountain National Military Highway Association with the object of establishing a military highway paved with concrete from Canada to El Paso.

Thomas J. Ehrhart, state highway commissioner of Colorado, was elected president. The association adjourned subject to call.

A tentative route has been prepared, the proposed road running from Fort Assiniboine, Mont., through Fort Benton and Billings, Mont., Sheridan, Buffalo, Casper, Douglas, Wheatland and Cheyenne, Wyo.; Fort Collins, Denver and Fort Logan, Colo.; Raton and Santa Fe, N. M., and El Paso, Texas. Government aid will be sought.

Other officers elected: E. M. Ammons, Colorado, secretary-treasurer; Vice President, Charles Roam, of Butte, Mont.; Robert Carey, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dr. F. L. Bartlett, of Denver; Eugene Kopanek, of Santa Fe, N. M.

## Belgian King Thanks Wilson

Letter Expresses Gratitude for Present and Past Help to Belgium.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—The personal letter to president Wilson from king Albert of Belgium, delivered by Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian mission to this country, was made public by the state department today and is as follows:

"I commend to your excellency's kindly reception the mission which bears this letter. This mission will express to the president the feelings of understanding and enthusiastic admiration with which my government and people have received the decision reached by him in his wisdom. The mission will also tell you how greatly the important and glorious role played by the United States has confirmed the confidence which my country has always had in the free America's spirit of justice.

"The great American nation was particularly moved by the unwavering and violent attacks made upon Belgium. It has sorrowed over the distress of my subjects, subjected to the yoke of the enemy. It has succored them with its generous generosity. I am happy to have an opportunity again to express to your excellency the gratitude which my country owes you and the firm hope entertained by Belgium that on the day of (Continued on page 3, column 2.)

## FOOD GAMBLERS ROB U. S. TAKE \$50,000,000 A MONTH FROM THE PEOPLE--HOOVER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Food speculators have been taking \$50,000,000 a month for the last five months—a total of a quarter of a billion dollars—from the American people, Herbert C. Hoover today told senators in explaining the purposes of the food control bill now before congress.

Not a single national trade association, Hoover told the senators, is opposed to the food control bill. Disclaiming entirely that the bill sets up a food dictatorship, Mr. Hoover told senators its purposes were entirely to organize the resources of the country and the people themselves into a food administration to limit middlemen's commissions and prevent extortion. "The price of flour should not have been over \$9 a barrel," he said. "Yet it averages \$11. In the last five months \$50,000,000 has been extracted from the American consumer in excess of normal profits of manufacturers and distributors."

Mr. Hoover outlined broadly the question of prospective food supplies. "The real question," he said in a prepared statement, "preliminary to senatorial questioning, is whether the shortage will continue next year and what will be the needs of the allies and ourselves. Despite the reduced consumption of the allies they will require larger amount of cereals next year than ever before. The allies are more isolated in food sources. It takes three times the tonnage and

double the trouble to get the Australian wheat. Crop failures in Argentina give no hope of relief from there before next spring.

Mr. Hoover said that the bill establishes a food dictatorship. He characterized the purposes of food administration as to mobilize the people in order to carry out the advice given them by the government officials and to decentralize the functions of the administration in order to centralize the functions of the food administration in the various states. A committee to take charge of production and distribution of flour, sugar and possibly a few other principal commodities, Mr. Hoover said, is being contemplated.

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## NEW YORK GIVES 12 MILLIONS TO RED CROSS

News Of Heavy Contributions From All Parts Of Country Is Received.

CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SUCCESS

Some Cities Have Already Exceeded Allotments and Set Higher Figures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—The nation-wide campaign to raise \$100,000,000 for the Red Cross was in full swing today with indications of generous contributions throughout the country.

Campaign committees from many cities reported to the Red Cross society the raising sums in excess of the amounts allotted and had set larger figures as their goals.

New York alone reported \$12,000,000 had been pledged in the first 24 hours. A large clerical force was at work receiving and chalking up returns on the big bulletin boards at headquarters. No attempt was made to estimate the amount already donated, but Red Cross officials expressed confidence that the campaign would be successful.

Miss Mabel Boardman of the Red Cross today appealed to the women of America to do their part in the campaign. "As women, we must give and give quickly our share of the fund," she said.

Brokers Who Sold Liberty Bonds Below Par Buys At Par; Aids Red Cross

New York, June 19.—A stock exchange broker who sold Liberty bonds below par on the floor of the exchange last Saturday is repaid and has repurchased them at par, it was announced here today by an exchange committee which investigated the action of the broker.

Furthermore, it was stated, he has contributed \$100,000 to the Red Cross.

ROOSEVELT DENOUNCES THOSE WHO DESPISE ENGLAND

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## Events For Red Cross Week

Tonight, 7:30—Big automobile parade, headed by Gen. George Bell, jr., and army Red Cross ambulances, over principal streets, starting from Piedras and Montana streets.

## Hold Back Your Dollars If You Desire to Increase The World's Suffering